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RE: Errata to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska's Qualified Certification of Support for High Cost Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, dated September 15, 2015, WC Docket No. 10-90, and Special Statement Concerning Wireless Deployment in Rural Alaska.

To the Filing Representatives:

The Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) corrects a factual misstatement in its September 15, 2015, Certification Letter verifying the eligibility of Alaskan carriers for Universal Service Fund support. In advocating for a quick resolution to the high cost support uncertainty, the RCA observed:

In the President's speech in Kotzebue, on Alaska's northwest coast, he highlighted the importance that access to broadband service has on educational opportunities, noting that Kotzebue schools now have wireless broadband access even while acknowledging that most of those students do not have broadband in their homes. We note that eight communities surrounding Kotzebue have no wireless voice service because the designated CETC cannot reasonably take on the substantial debt necessary to build out a broadband capable wireless network without adequate assurances of ongoing support.

Errata Letter to FCC
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The RCA notes that while it is true that one designated CETC has not met its commitment to provide wireless voice service in certain outlying locations around Kotzebue due to uncertain support, there is, in fact, wireless voice service available to those communities from another designated CETC. While the RCA remains convinced that resolving uncertainty concerns of Alaska's carriers will have a positive impact on infrastructure development across Alaska, the RCA does not wish to paint a false picture or minimize the efforts made by Alaskan carriers to bring modern telecommunications services to rural areas of Alaska.

Sincerely,

REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA



T.W. Patch
Chairman

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